

## MORGENTHAU PLEADS FOR HELPING HAND IN THE NEAR EAST

Former Ambassador to Turkey Says America Should Not Let Armenian Allies Starve.

By HENRY MORGENTHAU, Former Ambassador to Turkey, and Leader in Near East Relief.

If they were good enough to fight and die for us when we needed their help, so surely they are good enough now to share some meager little crumbs from our plenty when they have nothing, when hundreds of thousands of them are homeless, unroofed, foodless and threatened with extermination by their enemies and our own.

Not far from a million Christians have been murdered by their Turkish oppressors. Hungry, terror-stricken hundreds of thousands of refugees now look to the United States for succor.

Have Trust in America.

We cannot refuse. Next to their faith in God is their trust in the disinterested good will and generosity of



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the American people. They look to us as the human agency to extricate them from the frightful situation in which they have been left as a consequence of the war.

If we should fail to aid them, starvation and the winter's cold would go far to completing the work done by the unspeakable Turk.

I have not seen with my own eyes the misery in which the Armenians now exist. I have been spared that. But the reports which have been brought in by agents of the Near East Relief and by representatives of the Peace Conference paint a picture of wretchedness inconceivable to those who have not a first hand impression of the savagery of the Mussulman.

Exiled From Homes.

Since the beginning of the war the Turkish Armenians have been largely refugees from their homes. A simple agricultural people, they have been exiles from their farms, deprived of all opportunity to support themselves. Year by year their sufferings have increased. Now, a year after fighting has ceased, they are still living the life of nomads, able to continue to keep alive only by virtue of American philanthropy.

These homeless people—"filthy infidels" to the Turk—were good enough to exert their poor might in our behalf while the war was still in the balance. Massacres of a half century had not so broken their spirit that they dared not fight for right and for democracy when justice was the issue. We accepted their aid then. Surely we shall not pass them by without compassion now.

The day has passed when any self-respecting man dares permit absorption in his own personal affairs to exclude consideration of his neighbor's well-being. No honorable man can knowingly allow his neighbor to hunger or to go unclothed. The Christian peoples of the Near East are our neighbors. The money needed to relieve them can be spared without causing any man, woman or child in the United States to suffer.

Must Not Rest on Past.

In other years of our own free will we sent missionaries to Turkey. Our schools and colleges and hospitals have played a wonderful role in humanizing that dark spot in the world. Our ideas, our educational resources, our material equipment, have been in the Near East. Because we

### Y. M. C. A. Notes

A Happy New Year.

Begin the New Year right, join the Y M C A you may not need all or any of its privilege but you will be helping to make a home and home comfort for the man away from home.

Her social sing last Sunday was very much enjoyed by all present. Next Sunday 4 to 5 p. m. a special service of song conducted by Claude S Foster, Mrs Rawson accompanists all who enjoy good singing are cordially invited, a family song service.

On Wednesday evening Jan. 7, a meeting for the organization of a young mens Club for service for others, will be held. This open to any young man, desiring to be of service to this Community and the other fellows are united.

### Congregational Church Xmas Program

The following is the program of the Congregational Sunday School Christmas Concert given Christmas Eve:

Song—Hear the Message, Chorus Responsive Reading, Supt. and School

Prayer, Pastor

Song, The Call of the Bells, Chorus

Exercise—Now a Merry Xmas, Chorus

All, Alice Cargill, Lilla Renell, Doris Humphrey

Recitation—A Little Wish, Grace Weatherstone

Recitation—Welcome, Ruth Withrow

Song—The Winds Were Softly Blowing, Chorus

Recitation—The Best Day of All, Mildred Currier

Recitation—Hurray, Robert Powell

Recitation—Love Makes the Christmas Cheer, Dorothy Douglas

Solo—What was the Song?, Lilla Renell

Recitation, This is the Time, Marcella Waterman

Recitation—Little Bells, Ronald King

Exercise—A. B. C. Phila Weatherstone, Blanche Andrews, Mildred Currier

Song—The Song of the Bells, Chorus

Recitation—Down to Grandpa's, Roderick Wilson

Recitation—What the Lad Bells, Daphne Renell

Recitation—For Love of Him, Lena Wyman

Song—Kris Kringle, Primary Children

Recitation—Message of the stars, Marjorie Wilson

Recitation—If Dolly Dear Rosanna King

Recitation—The Real Meaning of Christmas, Marian Cargill

Song—The Song of the Magi, Chorus

Exercise—The three Speeches, Daphne Renell, Altha Renell, Helen Johnson

Recitation—The Christmas Child, Alexander Telford

Song—The Message the Starlight Told, Chorus

Recitation—Dolly's Christmas, Helen Johnson

Recitation—Sing a Song of Santa Claus, Willie Weatherstone

Recitation—Christmas Bells, Bulah Ellis

Song—Ring, Bells Ring, Chorus

Offering

Song—Sing a Song For Santa Claus, Primary Children

The Sunday School wishes to thank all those who contributed to the offering for the Armenian Relief Fund. The amount of the offering was \$21.00.

### Attention of those who Served in the Army

The attention of all who served with the Army or Navy in late war is called to the recent rulings as to War Risk Insurance. Any policy which has lapsed by reason of failure to pay the premiums may be reinstated on or before December 31st by the payment of premiums for two months, the month the policy lapsed and the month of reinstatement and the signing of a certificate that the health of the applicant is as good as when discharged, or when the policy lapsed. All service men are urged to keep up their insurance. Forms for reinstatement can be secured from the local branch of the Red Cross.

E W Gibson, State Insurance Officer

### HAVE NEW SENSE OF DUTY

America Probably Has Taught Much to French Women of the Highest Social Position.

They were handing out pots and pans to the returned refugees at Reims that day.

It was really a very gay occasion, says Blanche Brace in World Outlook. The pots and pans made it so, in spite of the ghosts of dead homes (were hollow shells of ruined houses) all around the shattered building where the distribution was being made, the broken cathedral over yonder, the miles of desolation everywhere. Sometimes the refugee women hugged the cheap utensils to them and wept over them as if they had been children; sometimes they wanted to pay a few centimes "rent" for them, so that they might feel the things were their own. These were not just pots and pans, but the promise of comfort and security again, the nucleus for new homes that should rise from the ruins.

A countess with smudged fingers, and half a dozen other French women of prestige, stood behind the counter and handed out the utensils. All at once a middle-aged, homely mere dropped her pan with a clatter.

"Mon Dieu!" she gasped, "is she a countess? And I fought with her for a bigger pot! And working so hard—what does it mean?"

What it meant was that France learned two new words from America during the war—social service.



## POTTED WINTER HOUSE BLOOMING

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Hyacinths, Calla Lilies, Narcissus, Tulips, Crocus, etc. Blooming in your homes all through the winter and spring months. These bulbs are already potted and rooted with top growth started when you get them and are guaranteed to blossom satisfactorily in any ordinary living room. They are carefully packed one pot to a carton so that they can be safely carried home during coldest of weather.

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Call at our store and see the display and take an assortment of packages home with you.

## John W. Thurston

THE REXALL STORE

Island Pond, Vermont.

### Modern Radio Methods.

In these days of the radio compass and instant wireless communication, a ship at sea is in little danger of losing its way, says Popular Mechanics magazine. Recently the Louisville Bridge lost its bearings in a heavy fog off the coast of New Jersey, and was unable to find Ambrose channel into New York harbor. The operator called the navy yard, and within five minutes received the answer: "Your true bearing at 4:00 p. m. from Rockaway beach two hundred-fifty. Sandy Hook sixty-seven. Mantoloking fifteen." The auto tourist asking the best route to town could hope for no more definite information than that.

### Card of Thanks

Mrs E E Blake wishes to assure her friends that their thoughtfulness for her shorten the days that she is away from home and wishes to thank them all.

We wish to thank the neighbors and friends who in any way assisted us during our recent bereavement.

Thomas Foley

Mr and Mrs Arthur Letarte.

FOLEY CATHARTIC TABLETS

## STAR THEATRE

M. B. PARENT Mgr

A Happy New Year to all Our Patrons

A special program for New Year's Week

### Town Locals

Clare Libby of Ayers Cliff, is spending the holidays at Ed. Dick sons.

Mr and Mrs Elmer Harmon of Edmondson, Alberta, were recent guests of Mrs S M Harmon.

LOST—Last Saturday a small bunch of keys. Finder please leave at this office.

Miss Mary Haley of Portsmouth, N. H., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs Charlie Roby's.

Frank Lewey spent Xmas with relatives in Whitefield, and Littleton, N. H.

Osca Perry is seriously ill at his home on Lake street.

I wish to thank the Car men of Island Pond for the nice Chair and Electric table lamp which was left at my home. And may it always burn bright for them.

C J Lefebvre.

## Roomers Wanted

Mrs. Blanche McKee, Derby Street, Island Pond, Vt.

Mrs Alba Annis, Mr and Mrs Burleigh Annis and Mr and Mrs Wilbur Butler left last Monday for Lancaster, N. H., to attend the funeral of Mrs George Allen.

Mrs F C Lynch and son, Franklin of Lyndonville, Vt., were guests last Friday of Captain and Mrs H E Randall.

Miss Amy H Edmonds left last Friday for Portland, Me., where she will stop over to visit her cousin Miss Portia Dale on her way to Boston.

Wendell Thurber has moved his family from the Sloan cottage to the tenement over Francis Johnson.

Hugh A Cameron and family spent Christmas at Norton, the guest of Mrs Cameron sister Mrs J W Carpenter.

### EAST CHARLESTON DEFERRED

H J Hudson has gone to New York for the winter.

Wm Hinton is very ill.

Several friends of W G Stoddard met at his home Wednesday Dec. 17 to help him to celebrate his birthday, his wife presented him with a gold watch and chain, refreshments were served including a beautiful birthday cake and a pleasant evening passed with music and games.

Ernest Hudson and two friends from New York were recent guests of friends in town.

Mrs Harry Wilder has gone to Albany.

Charles McNamara is moving to Westmore for the winter where he has a lumber job.

S E Norris of Springfield is visiting in town.

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